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Senate Bill 279

Relating to: financial assistance related to bioenergy feedstocks, biorefineries, and conversion to biomass energy; the definition of the term agricultural use for the purpose of determining the assessed value of a parcel of land; requiring a strategic bioenergy feedstock assessment; creation of a bioenergy council; the agricultural and forestry diversification programs; biofuels training assessment; a study of regulatory burdens relating to biofuel production facilities; marketing orders and agreements for bioenergy feedstocks; exempting personal renewable fuel production and use from the motor vehicle fuel tax, the petroleum inspection fee, and business tax registration requirements; an income and franchise tax credit for installing or retrofitting pumps that mix motor vehicle fuels from separate storage tanks; offering gasoline that is not blended with ethanol to motor fuel dealers; state renewable motor vehicle fuels sales goals; required sales of renewable motor vehicle fuels; use of petroleum-based transportation fuels by state vehicles; use of alternative fuels in flex fuel vehicles owned by the state; use of public alternative fuel refueling facilities; duties of the Office of Energy Independence; granting rule-making authority; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties.

By Joint Legislative Council.

August 28, 2009 Referred to Committee on Rural Issues, Biofuels, and Information Technology.

October 7, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Pat Kreitlow, Chippewa Falls — Senator, 23rd Senate District
- Gary Radloff — Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- Bob Oleson — Wisconsin Corn Growers Association
- Bob Welch — Wisconsin Bio-Industry Alliance
- James Redding — Renewable Fuels Association
- Timothy Baye

Appearances Against

- Scott Manley — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Dan Gunderson — American Petroleum Institute
- Erin Roth — American Petroleum Institute

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Scott Suder — Representative, 69th Assembly District
- Amber Meyer-Smith — Clean Wisconsin
- Jay Schmelling — Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association
- Terry Hayden — Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association
- Jay Stoflet — Renew Fuel Stations
- Jennifer Giegerich — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Paul Zimmerman — Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Registrations Against

- Pat Osborne — Marathon Oil
- Kevin Traas — Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association
- Marc Bentley — Wisconsin Engine Manufacturers and Distributors Alliance
- Marc Bentley — Schneider National
- Marc Bentley — Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
- Marc Bentley — Martin Transport

Registrations for Information Only

- David Jenkins — Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence

March 24, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Jauch that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.
Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Holperin that **Senate Bill 279** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (4) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin and Kapanke.
Noes: (1) Senator Kanavas.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Jeff Buhrandt
Committee Clerk



State of Wisconsin
Jim Doyle, Governor

Office of Energy Independence
Judy Ziewacz, Director

October 7, 2009

Testimony of the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence
SB 279

Senate Committee on Rural Issues, Biofuels and Information Technology

Chairman Kreitlow and Members:

Our office commends your work, Senator Kreitlow and that of your Assembly colleague, Rep. Suder, in leading the Joint Legislative Council Committee on Biofuels in the process that developed this legislation.

Underscoring the need to move forward in making progress in deploying and using more biofuels in Wisconsin is a little-noticed chart that OPEC recently posted on its website. The chart indicated that Russia is now the world's leading oil producer, moving ahead of Saudi Arabia.

This is a reminder that our country's national security and economic security are at stake in this issue of transportation fuels. The need to maintain the effort to produce our own, homegrown fuels here in Wisconsin has never been greater. We have no oil or natural gas in Wisconsin. But we do have more abundant biofuels feedstocks--of many kinds--than most other states in the country. Let's use them.

Biofuels hold great promise for business and economic development, as well as energy security in Wisconsin. Transformational technologies such as Virent Energy's BioForming process have potential to change the petroleum industry. Other fuels such as cellulosic ethanol and biobutanol will eventually be produced in quantities sufficient to allow us to rely on ourselves more, and less of foreign countries for our transportation fuels.

This legislation requires the Office of Energy Independence to perform various responsibilities; we stand ready to carry out these and any other duties the Legislature and the Governor require that we perform. Our Office prepares, by statute, an annual report on alternative fuels, and our Biofuels Coordinator, Maria Redmond has worked hard and successfully at obtaining federal funding for Wisconsin petroleum marketers for biofuels infrastructure all over the state.

Biofuels now contributes about billion dollars to our state's economy, just in the direct value of manufactured product. It had created hundreds of jobs, and millions of dollars in property tax revenue. All this has happened in the space of a few years. Governor Doyle has strongly supported these efforts with Executive Orders #141 and #192.

We hope that the Committee can move this legislation forward and increase our use of biofuels in Wisconsin.

Thank you. We'd be happy to answer any questions.

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